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SPECIFICATION

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MESSAGE

1) B₁ amendment states that this appln claims benefit of 09/267,436.
 Bib sheet states that 09/732,606 is a CIP of 09/267,436.
 In order for provisional application to be valid, please correct B₁ amt.
 to show that 09/732,606 is a cip of 09/267,436.

Thank you
 CWC

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RESPONSE

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 1 beginning on page 2 on line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Bi: This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/077,815, filed March 12, 1998. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/267,436, filed March 12, 1999, which is now abandoned. This application is a Continuation In Part of U.S. Nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/732,606 filed December 8, 2000, ^{now U.S. patent 6,503,037, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/267,436.}

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Please replace the paragraph 3, beginning on page 8, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

B2 Another component of the overall system is a substantially flat foam strut covering piece 24, as seen in Figure 5, that goes over the supporting posts on struts 26 of a conventional railcar, as seen in Figures ~~[[9]]~~ 8 and ~~[[10]]~~ 9. These struts are between sections of the railcar side walls, and the covering piece 24 serves to provide protection between these side wall sections where protection is not provided by the double or single tube protectors 12 or 18. The covering piece 24 may be of varying length and width to accommodate various types and sizes of supporting struts. The strut covering piece 24 should be wide enough to offer protection for various heights of door trim. Multiple slots 28 along the edges of the post covering piece 24 are adapted to accommodate penetrating fasteners and allow for ample fastening flexibility. Also shown in Figures 8 and 9 are a cross brace covering piece 32 to add protection wherever cross bracing is used in the railcar. The covering piece 32 may be of varying length and width to accommodate various types and sizes of cross bracing.

Please replace the paragraph 2, beginning on page 9, line 9, with the following amended paragraph: